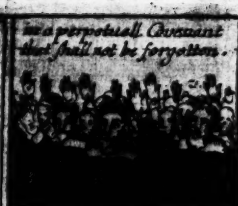
LEAGVE AND COVENANT,

for Reformation, and defence of Religion, the Honour and happinesse of the king, and the Peace and safety of the three Kingdoms of

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, and IRELAND.



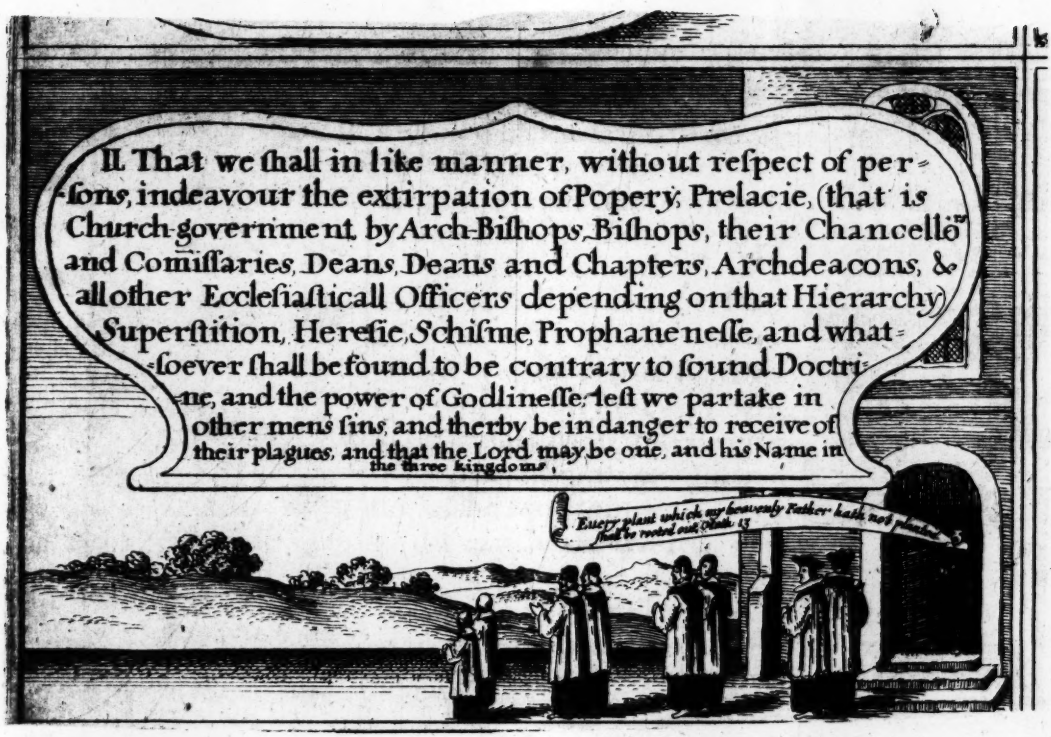
We Noblemen, Barons, Knights, Gentlemen, Citizens, Burgesses, Ministers of the Gospel, and Commons of all sorts in the Kingdoms of England, Scotland, *and* Ireland, *by the Providence of God living under one King, and being of one reformed Religion, having before our eyes the Glory of God, and the advancement of the Kingdome of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ, the Honour and happinesse of the kings Majesty and his posterity, and the true publique Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the Kingdoms, wherein every ones private Condition is included, and calling to minde the treacherous and bloody Plots, Conspiracies, Attempts, and Practices of the Enemies of God, against the true Religion, and professors thereof in all places, especially in these three kingdoms ever since the Reformation of Religion, and how much their rage, power and presumption, are of late, and at this time increased and exercised, whereof the deplorable state of the Church and kingdom of* Ireland, *the distressed estate of the Church and Kingdom of* England, *and the dangerous estate of the Church and Kingdom of* Scotland, *are present and publique Testimonies; We have now at last, (after other meanes of Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations, and Sufferings) for the preservation of our selves and our Religion, from utter Ruine and Destruction; according to the commendable practice of these Kingdoms in former times, and the Example of Gods people in other Nations; After mature deliberation, resolved and determined to enter into a mutuall and solemn League and Covenant; Wherein we all subscribe, and each one of us for himself, with our hands lifted up to the most high God, do sweare;*

I: That we ſhall ſincerely, really and conſtantly, through the Grace of God, endeavour in our ſeverall places and callings, the preſervation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scotland*, in Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline & Government, againſt our comon Enemies, the reformation of Religion in the kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, in Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government, according to the Word of God, and the Example of the beſt Reformed Churches, And ſhall indeavour to bring the Churches of God in the three kingdoms, to the neereſt coniunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confeſſion of Faith, Form of Church-gouernment, Directory for Worſhip and Catechiſing: That we and our poſterity after us, may as Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the middeſt of us.

Thou haſt avouched y^r^ Lorde this day to be thy God and to walke in his wayes & to keepe his Statutes & his Commandments, & his Iudgements & to hearken to his woyce, And the Lord hath avouched thee this day, to be his peculiar people & to make thee high aboue all nations, in praiſe in name & in honour;

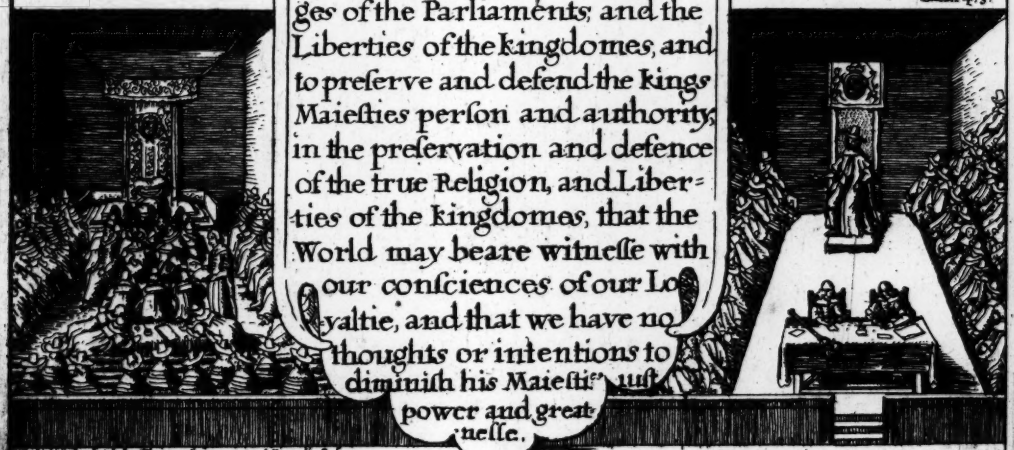
Deutero: 26: 17: 18:

II. That we ſhall in like manner, without reſpect of perſons, indeavour the extirpation of Popery, Prelacie, (that is Church-government by Arch-Biſhops, Biſhops, their Chancellors and Comiſſaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, & all other Eccleſiaſticall Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superſtition, Hereſie, Schiſme, Prophaneneſſe, and whatſoever ſhall be found to be contrary to ſound Doctrine, and the power of Godlineſſe, leſt we partake in other mens ſins, and therby be in danger to receive of their plagues, and that the Lord may be one, and his Name in the three kingdoms.



III. We shall with the same sincerity, reallity and constancy, in our severall Vocations, endeavour with our estates and lives, mutually to preserve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the kingdomes, and to preserve and defend the kings Maiesties person and authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the kingdomes, that the World may beare witnesse with our consciences of our Loyaltie, and that we have no thoughts or intentions to diminish his Maiesti[e]s iust power and greatnesse.

The Lord will Create upon euery dwelling place of Mount Sion, & upon their Assemblies, a Cloud and smoke by day, and a shining of a flaming Fire by night, for upon all the glory shall be a defens.
Isaiah 4:5.



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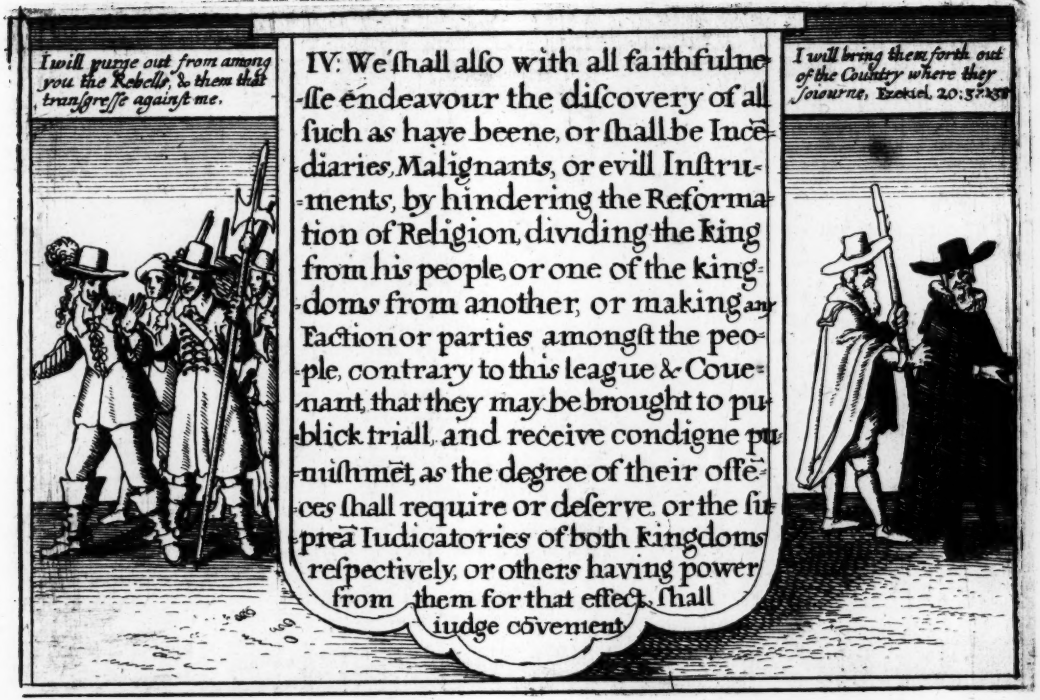
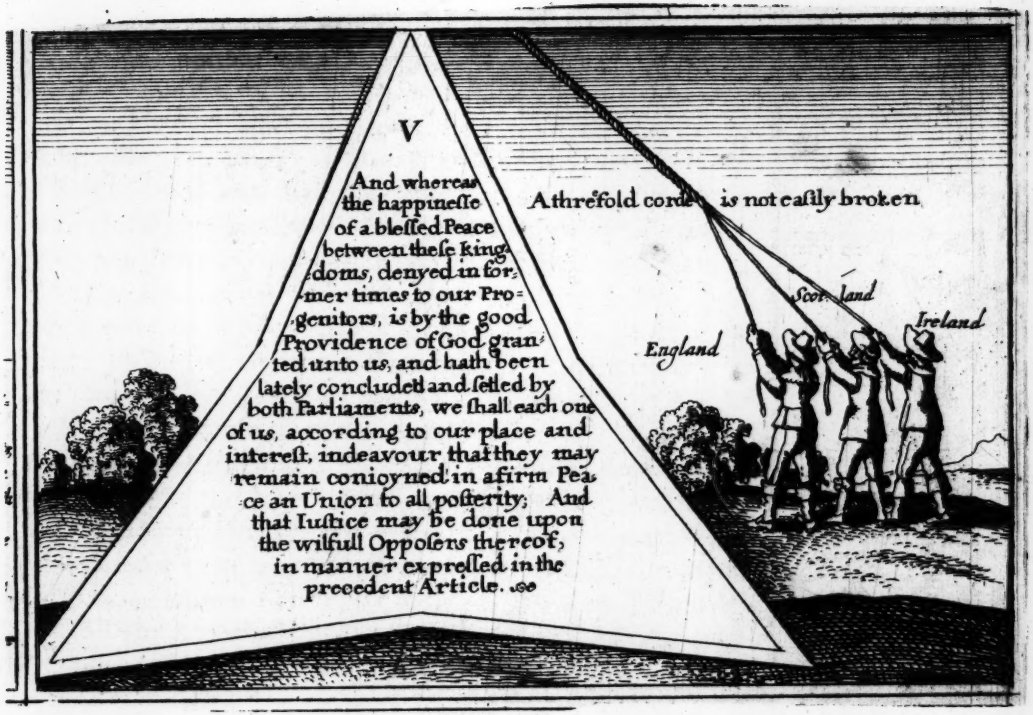

I will purge out from among you the Rebells, & them that transgresse against me.
IV: We shall also with all faithfulnesse endeavour the discovery of all such as have beene, or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evill Instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the kingdoms from another, or making any Faction or parties amongst the people, contrary to this league & Couenant, that they may be brought to publick triall, and receive condigne punishmēt, as the degree of their offences shall require or deserve, or the supreā Iudicatories of both kingdoms respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall iudge cōvenient
I will bring them forth out of the Country where they sojourne, Ezekiel. 20: 37. 38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And whereas the happineſſe of a bleſſed Peace between theſe Kingdoms, denyed in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of God granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded and ſetled by both Parliaments, we ſhall each one of us, according to our place and intereſt, indeavour that they may remain conioyned in a firm Peace an Union to all poſterity; And that Iuſtice may be done upon the wilfull Oppoſers thereof, in manner expreſſed in the precedent Article. ſo
A threfold corde is not eaſily broken
England
Scotland
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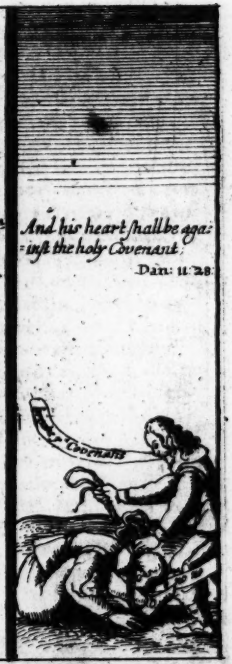
VI. We ſhall alſo according to our places & callings in this common cauſe of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdomes, aſſiſt and defend all thoſe that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining & purſuing thereof, and ſhall not ſuffer our ſelves directly or indirectly by whatſoever combination, perſwaſion or terror, to be dewided & withdrawn from this bleſſed Unio & coniungtion whether to make defection to the contrary part, or to give our ſelves to a deteſtable indifferency or neutrality in this cauſe which ſo much cōcerneth the glory of God, the good of the Kingdoms, and honour of the King; but ſhall all the dayes of our lives, zealouſly and conſtantly continue therein, againſt all oppoſition, and promote the ſame according to our power, againſt all Lets and impediments whatſoever; an what we are not able our ſelves to ſuppreſſe or overcome, we ſhall reveale and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed: All which we ſhall do as in the ſight of God.



And becauſe theſe kingdoms are guilty of many ſins & provocations againſt God, & his Son Ieſus Chriſt, as is too manifeſt by our preſent diſtreſſes and dangers the fruits thereof, We profeſſe and declare before God and the world, our unfayned deſire to be humbled for our, & for the ſins of theſe kingdoms, eſpecially, that we have not as we ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Goſpel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavored to receive Chriſt in our hearts, not to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the cauſes of other ſins and tranſgreſſions, ſo much abounding amongſt us; And our true and unfayned purpoſe, deſire, and endeavour for our ſelves, and all others under our power and charge, both in publick and in private, in all duties we owe to God and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the Example of a reall Reformation, that the Lord may turne away his wrath, and heavy indignation, and eſtabliſh theſe Churches and kingdoms in truth and peace. And this Covenant we make in the preſence of almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to performe the ſame, as we ſhall anſwer at that great day when the ſecrets of all hearts ſhall be diſcloſed. Moſt humbly beſeeching the Lord to ſtrengthen us by his Holy Spirit for this end, and to bleſſe our deſires and proceedings with ſuch ſucceſſe, as may be deliverance and ſafety to his people, & encouradgement to other Chriſtian Churches groaning under, or in dāger of the yoake of Anti-chriſtian Tyranny, to joyne in the ſame, or like Aſſociatiō and Covenant, to the glory of God, the enlargement of the kingdō of Ieſus Chriſt, and the peace and tranquility of Chriſtiā kingdoms & Cōmonwealths.